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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Philip Treanor
Deputy Director, OIM
Department of State

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SUBJECT : Continuation of [redacted] Conferences
on Communist China Trade and Shipping

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1. At the close of last spring's [redacted] conference which prepared [redacted] some doubts were informally expressed as to the justification for continuing so great an expenditure of effort in future revisions of the study - particularly since most of the basic areas of [redacted] disagreements appear now to have been largely resolved. We have already sent to [redacted] a letter drafted by the U.S. Working Group (State, Navy, and CIA) suggesting the desirability of more complete advance exchange of [redacted] data - in order to reduce to a minimum the amount of conference time required if another joint paper is attempted next spring.

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2. I would appreciate your informing me of your considered views as to the desirability of arranging for another such [redacted] conference, to prepare an [redacted] revision covering 1954. If you do recommend such a conference, it would be most helpful if you would suggest what modifications might be made to reduce the work load. Moreover it would be useful to have specific indications as to the value which you believe such a meeting and such an agreed report would have for your own agency and for the U.S. Government as a whole.

3. Since this exercise necessarily requires a great amount of advance preparation, we should at the earliest possible moment reach an agreed view regarding its continuation.

OTTO E. GUTHRE
Chairman

Economic Intelligence Committee

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